

A TRIBUTE TO DEACON JOHN
HENRY WOOTEN, SR.

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to Deacon John Henry Wooten, Sr. of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Deacon Wooten, an icon in education and service for Eastern North Carolina and a man whom I greatly admired, passed away this week.

Madam Speaker, Deacon Wooten's lifelong commitment to education left an indelible mark on the people he served. He received both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from North Carolina A&T State University, and went on to serve on their Board of Trustees from 1993–2001. His work as a science teacher and principal of Dillard High School in Goldsboro, and also as an administrator of Goldsboro City Schools, enriched the lives of countless young people from the County of Wayne. His commitment to service began much earlier, as he served bravely in the United States Army during World War II and as a reservist until 1949.

Deacon Wooten's dedication to community service extended well beyond education and the military. He served for 12 years on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners and was the first African-American chairman of that Board. He also served on the Goldsboro Redevelopment Commission, the Board of Directors for Wayne Memorial Hospital, the Wayne Health Corporation and on the Salvation Army Advisory Board. All of that aside, one of his greatest contributions was to the First African Missionary Baptist Church of Goldsboro, where he served as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher, President of the Laymen's League and as a member of the chorus. Deacon Wooten's faithfulness to the church and his tireless work for our community spoke volumes of his unselfish character.

Madam Speaker, Deacon Wooten has often been recognized for the many accomplishments he achieved over his lifetime. The North Carolina A&T State University National Alumni Association recognized him for Outstanding Leadership as President in 1988. The Neuse River Council of Governments named him Outstanding Commissioner of the Year in 1993. A member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, he was twice named their Man of the Year and won many other honors throughout his life.

Madam Speaker, in honor and recognition of Deacon John Henry Wooten's diligent service as an educator, legislator and leader, I ask my Colleagues to join me in paying a final tribute to this great man.

STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 11, 2007

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, please find attached references which conclusively

demonstrate the therapeutic benefits experienced by human patients who have undergone a variety of adult stem cell treatments. These references are available at www.stemcellresearch.org. Also, please find attached the text of a Wall Street Journal article on November 16, 2006, citing progress on amniotic stem cell research as referenced in my floor statement during the January 11 debate on H.R. 3.

PEER-REVIEWED REFERENCES SHOWING APPLICATIONS OF ADULT STEM CELLS THAT PRODUCE THERAPEUTIC BENEFIT FOR HUMAN PATIENTS

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SCIENTISTS GROW HEART VALVES EMPLOYING AMNIOTIC STEM CELLS

CHICAGO—Scientists for the first time have grown human heart valves using stem cells from the fluid that cushions babies in the womb—offering a revolutionary approach that may be used to repair defective hearts in the future.